

Marine Fisheries

Coastal Recreational Fishing License (CRFL)

What Activities Require This Permit? This license is required to recreationally harvest finfish in the state's coastal waters, which include sounds, coastal rivers and tributaries, and out to three miles in the ocean. This license is also required to land fish caught greater than three miles in the ocean.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To license and identify recreational anglers primarily for surveying of catch and effort.

Who Issues This Permit? (a) The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License and Statistics Section (b) N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and (c) all agents that are representatives of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? ****Additional \$2.00 transaction fee may apply at time of purchase****

Annual License

State Residents, age 16 or older - \$15, Nonresidents, age 16 or older - \$30

10-day License

State Residents, age 16 or older - \$5, Nonresidents, age 16 or older - \$10

Lifetime CRFL Licenses

Infant Lifetime: younger than one year - \$100

Youth Lifetime: age 1 through age 11 - \$150

Resident Adult: age 12 through age 64 - \$250

Nonresident Adult: age 12 and older - \$500

Resident Age 70 Lifetime : age 70 and older - \$15

Resident Disabled Veteran: 50 percent or more disabled - \$10

Resident Totally Disabled: totally and permanently disabled - \$10

Wildlife Resources Commission Lifetime Sportsman License holders are exempt from purchasing the CRFL if they purchased their license prior to Jan. 1, 2006.

Blanket Licenses

For-Hire Vessel or Captain's CRFL—please contact any DMF office <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

Fishing Pier: \$4.50 per linear foot.

Annual Unified Sportsman Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Resident Unified Sportsman/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$65

Resident Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$40

***Senior License Eligibility:** Residents born on or **before** Aug. 1, 1953 are eligible to purchase a senior lifetime licenses when they turn 65 years of age. Those born **after** Aug. 1, 1953 are eligible to purchase a senior license when they turn 70 years of age.

Lifetime Unified Sportsman (Hunting and Fishing Licenses)

Infant Lifetime: younger than one year - \$275 Youth

Lifetime: age 1 through age 11 - \$450

Resident Adult: age 12 through age 65 - \$675

Nonresident Adult: age 12 and older - \$1,550

Resident Age 70 Lifetime: age 70 and older - \$30

Resident Disabled Veteran: 50 percent or more disabled - \$110

Resident Totally Disabled: totally and permanently disabled - \$110

Resident Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License - \$450

Lifetime Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses

Resident Legally Blind Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License – No charge

Resident Adult Care Home Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License – No charge

Resident Subsistence Unified Inland/Coastal Recreational Fishing License Waiver– No charge/issued by County Dept. of Social Services

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Contact any Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) License office or any Wildlife Resources License Agent. Visit the following link for DMF license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>. Most licenses may also be purchased online at <http://www.ncwildlife.org/> or by calling 1-888-2HUNTFISH (1-888-248-6834). Applicants for the Resident Legally Blind, Resident Adult Care Home, Resident Subsistence, and Disabled licenses should call the Wildlife Resources Commission.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? No review required for the Coastal Recreational Fishing License with the exception of the Resident Legally Blind, Resident Adult Care Home, Resident Subsistence, and Disabled Lifetime licenses.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Any Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) License Office, or the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Visit the following link for DMF license sales contact information: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>. The license may also be purchased from N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission sales agents such as bait and tackle stores or online at <http://www.ncwildlife.org/> or by calling 1-8882HUNTFISH (1-888-248-6834).

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Annual licenses expire one year from date of purchase.

Notes/Comments: This license is non-transferable.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-174.2, 113-174.3, 113-174.4, NC Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 30.0101(a)

Link: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>

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